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ORAL SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATION WITH PH-

DEPENDENT MULTIPHASIC RELEASE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 10, 2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2-22 without prejudice and add new claims 23-34 as follows.

23. A pharmaceutical formulation for multiphasic release of an active ingredient for treating inflammatory bowel disease comprising:

an active ingredient in a solid form in an amount sufficient to treat inflammatory bowel disease, the active ingredient being separated into a plurality of portions, each of the plurality of portions combined with one of a corresponding plurality of pH dependant soluble polymers or mixtures of polymers, each of the plurality of polymers or mixtures of polymers having a

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